

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 73,437 acres in 1992 to 77,103 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 187 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 205 farms in 1992 to 190 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

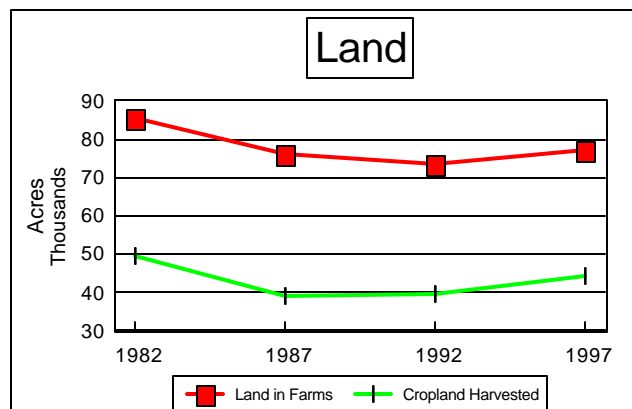
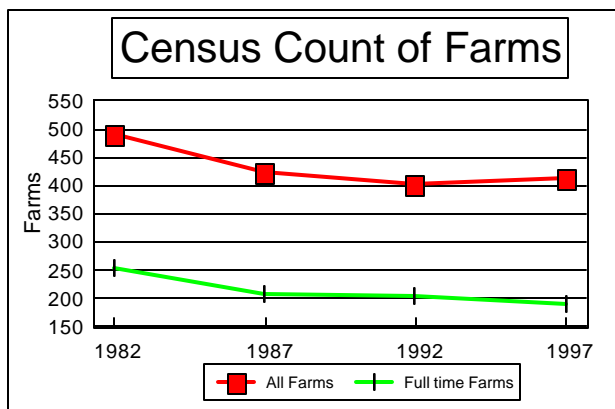
Increased 16 percent to \$23,621,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$50,679 in 1992 to \$57,194 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	23,621	43	83	1,970	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,019	41	82	1,438	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,602	41	83	2,078	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	5,833	34	78	566	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,547	11	80	157	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,473	23	82	429	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,548	17	81	241	2,739
Corn for grain	1,649	40	75	1,173	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	14	60	394	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	2,906	48	83	2,494	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,129	51	81	1,776	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	602	33	79	1,134	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	19	62	625	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,025	38	83	2,239	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	13	73	350	2,361
Colony of bees inventory	1,298	18	75	395	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	951	47	80	1,633	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	899	28	79	1,033	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,975	40	83	1,429	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	10,058	41	77	1,085	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,469	6	81	125	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	5,004	8	80	115	2,693
Wheat-acres	4,284	34	76	1,133	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	215	199	8
\$10,000 or more	198	203	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,715	17,411	19
Average per farmdollars..	50,036	43,418	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,335	2,680	99
Average per farmdollars..	12,887	6,684	93
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	367	347	6
Partnership or corporation	44	53	-17
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	190	205	-7
Other	223	197	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	367	373	-2
Female	46	29	59
Operators by race:			
White	408	401	2
Black and other races	5	1	400
Average age of operator	52.9	52.3	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.